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Docket No. 4296-125 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer No.
IJIRI et al.	:	26817
Serial No. 09/705,351	:	Group Art Unit: 3753
Filed: November 3, 2000	:	Examiner: FORD, John K.
Title: VERTICAL HEAT EXCHANGER	:	Confirmation No. 6855
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a July 2, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1, 5, 18, and 19, drawn to a heat exchange apparatus with a vent for entrapped gases and/or a drain for sludge, classified in class 165, subclass 70 and 72.
- II. Claims 9-12, 17 and 20-24, drawn to a method of using a heat exchanger to process certain claimed polymerizable substances using specific steps with regard to flowing coolant through a vent or drain, classified in class 422, subclass

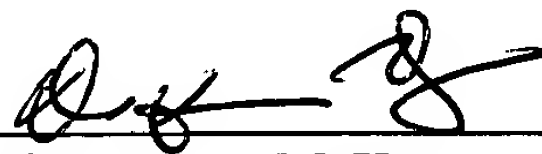
Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1, 5, 18, and 19, drawn to a heat

exchange apparatus with a vent for entrapped gases and/or a drain for sludge, classified in class 165, subclass 70 and 72 for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the elected heat exchange apparatus would uncover the method of using a heat exchanger of Group II. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 28, 2004



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